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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION PROCEDURES AT E-1 AND J-1

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1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE DID NOT HAVE AGREED VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WHEN I LEFT WASHINGTON. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ISRAELIS, EGYPTIANS, AND UN OFFICIALS THE NEGOTIATIONS COVERED THE NECESSARY VERIFICATION AND ACCESS PROCEDURES FOR FEBRUARY 22 AND ACCESS PROCEDURES THEREAFTER. FURTHER INSPECTIONS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE ADEQUATELY COVERED IN MY OPINION.

2. THE PRECEDENTS TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS AT E-1 AND JUMZ OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH ARE PART OF THE ACCESS PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN SET. THE RE-COUNT OF WEAPONS AT E-1 WAS CONDUCTED ON FEBRUARY 25. THE INSPECTION AT J-1 AND THE REMOVAL FROM J-1 OF WEAPONS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE GENEVA AGPYKT OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY 26. I EXPECT IN THIS REGARD TO CONDUCT A YOT INSPECTION AT COMPLEX A ON JA-1 PRIMARILY TO INVESTIGATE A REPORT ON FEBRUARY 27 THAT A 50 CALIBRE MACHINE GUN WAS OBSERVED MOUNTED ON A VEHICLE ENTERING THAT LOCATION FROM THE EASTERN PORTION OF J-1.

3. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE EGYPTIANS, PRIMARILY MAJOR

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GENERAL MAGDUB ON FEBRUARY 21, I STATED AND HE AGREED THAT

I WOULD INSPECT ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION AT E-1. FURTHER INSPECTION OF SPACES AT J-1 WAS NOT DISCUSSED. THE ISRAELIS WERE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT THE FEBRUARY 22 INSPECTION OF J-1. I DID NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO PRESS FOR LATER INSPECTIONS AT THAT TIME. I WOULD DEFER TO AMBASSADOR TOON'S DUDGMENT BUT MY OWN FEELING IS THAT IT IS TOO EARLY IN THE GAME TO PRESS THE ISRAELIS ON THIS ISSUE NOW.
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